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May 24, 2006

By Facsimile and Regular U.S. Mail  
The Honorable Alan J. Steinberg  
Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region II  
290 Broadway, Floor 26  
New York, New York 10007

Re: Passaic River Study Area of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site

Dear Regional Administrator Steinberg:

It has come to my attention that USEPA Region II is currently conducting negotiations with the Potential Responsible Party (PRP) group of the CERCLA portion of the Passaic River Restoration Project regarding funding of the remainder of that project. This site and its environs are of utmost concern to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). The lower Passaic River is located wholly within the State of New Jersey and is a resource for which I am the Natural Resource Trustee. For these and other reasons, and pursuant to Section 121 of CERCLA and 300.520 of the NCP, I am requesting NJDEP's immediate participation in any future funding discussions or negotiations with PRPs, including the current PRP group.

The importance of this issue to New Jersey makes the need for an Executive Committee meeting imperative. My office has been attempting to schedule that meeting for weeks so that EPA, the federal trustees and NJDEP can discuss the status of our respective staffs' efforts to evaluate potential alternatives to completing remediation and restoration of the Passaic River. That meeting must be scheduled in the near future to discuss remediation and restoration alternatives and to discuss the current status of EPA's negotiations with the PRP group on funding the study. My office will contact your office this week to set a date for that meeting.

Sincerely,

11:30 AM 12/11/50

Lisa P. Jackson  
Commissioner